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Utah National Guard Hosts Camp Williams Artillery Open House

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah — On Wednesday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., citizens, public officials and the media are invited to observe Utah National Guard artillery exercises at Camp Williams.

The event coincides with Annual Training for the 450 Soldiers of Second Battalion, 222nd Field Artillery, who will be conducting artillery exercises from Monday, June 1 through midday Friday, June 5.

Visitors should report to the Camp Williams main gate and will be directed to the Readiness Center parking lot, where they will board buses for the artillery range. As the weather may be sunny or rainy, visitors should prepare accordingly. The last bus will leave the Readiness Center for the range no later than 1:30 p.m.

First Battalion, 145th Field Artillery, will conduct similar training from Tuesday, June 16, to Wednesday, June 24, but the exercises will not be open to the public.

The two June exercises are events that are typically scheduled at Camp Williams every fourth or fifth year. The last time such an exercise was held at Camp Williams was in 2003.

"It's critical to our readiness that our Soldiers continue to train and prepare for their wartime mission," said Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, spokesman for the Utah National Guard. "And we also want to be good neighbors by ensuring that residents in the area of Camp Williams know ahead of time that there may be some noise that they don't normally hear."

Those expected to be most affected by these events are residents of Bluffdale, Riverton, Herriman, Eagle Mountain, Saratoga Springs and Lehi.

For more information, please contact the Utah National Guard hotline at (801) 878-5421.

Media Notes: Interested media should contact Lt. Col. Hank McIntire at (801) 420-4778.